

PARD Long Range Plan, Page 88:

Maintain or improve upon current standards of parkland per capita. Add between 4,000 and 8,000 acres of new parkland over the next 10 years, ~~maintaining the current standard of 20 acres per 1,000 residents while striving to achieve 24 acres per 1,000 residents.~~

Maintain or reduce the percent of the City of Austin that is classified as parkland deficient.

Access to quality parks, trails, and recreational opportunities is a priority for PARD. This will require dual strategies of increasing the safe and equitable access to existing parks and acquiring new parkland. Acquiring land that can be used for future parks as population grows is a priority for PARD. Austin's Parkland Acquisition Program selects sites that have the potential to preserve unique natural features, can be developed and maintained as parks, and meet community needs (e.g., in park-deficient areas). To maintain a high quality park system that meets the needs of Austin's growing population ~~park acre per person ratio~~, PARD will need to acquire new parkland at a much higher rate than in recent years.

